Military Readiness Through Financial Readiness

HOW?

Organize or join an Army Saves, Navy Saves, Marine Corps Saves, or Air Force Saves program on your base. The Department of Defense is working with the non-profit Consumer Federation of America to create a new financial education initiative as part of their Financial Readiness Campaign launched last year.

This initiative emphasizes the benefits, for all military personnel, of enrolling as an Army Saver, Navy Saver, Corps Saver, or Air Force Saver. Savers receive free benefits in return for choosing a savings goal and implementing a plan for attaining this goal.

WHY?

Financially prepared military personnel have savings with which they can pay off debts, meet emergencies, and afford other necessary expenditures. Financially unprepared soldiers threaten the military mission and also face revoked security clearance, nonjudicial punishment, redeployment, and continuous financial anxiety.

Being financially prepared not only helps your country and military career, but also helps you build the personal wealth that will enrich your whole life. Those with savings



are not only prepared for emergencies, but also can afford to buy a car and house, provide for one's family, and eventually live a comfortable retirement.

WHAT?

Army Saves, Navy Saves, Marine Corps Saves, and Air Force Saves are part of a nationwide America Saves campaign managed by the Consumer Federation of America; advised by representatives of 60 national nonprofit, government, and business organizations; and undertaken by representatives of hundreds of organizations

nationwide. In the past two years, 15,000 Americans have enrolled as Savers. In the future, America Saves hopes to enroll 150,000 Savers.



WHERE?

With assistance from DOD, the Consumer Federation of America is currently working with leaders from the Army, Navy, and Air Force to develop model savings programs at selected bases. In the coming year, we will expand this initiative to many other bases.

If you wish to help organize a Saves initiative, contact Nancy Register by calling **202-387-6121** or by e-mailing **nregister@americasaves.org**.

If you want to immediately enroll as an American Saver, you can do so through the AmericaSaves.org website. Savers receive free information about savings strategies and options, a free one-year sub to the American Saver newsletter, and free advice from certified financial planners.

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